Connecting Trivandrum with State Capitals

237. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the State capitals have been connected with Trivandrum, the Capital of Kerala by rail;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by when the remaining capitals would be connected with Trivandrum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Not feasible due to severe constraints of resources and lack of traffic justification.

Trains running on Dankuni-Sealdah section

238. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the number of trains running in Dankuni-Sealdah Section as on 31st March, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): 16 pairs of suburban trains, 3 pairs of mail/express trains and about 15 pairs of goods trains.

Introduction of more trains on Howrah-Borgachia section

239. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of trains at present running in the Howrah-Borgachia section;

(b) whether these have been found to be sufficient for the passengers of this section; and

(c) if so, its justification; if not, whether Railways propose to introduce some more trains in this section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 4 pairs of trains serve the section.

(b) and (c) The average occupation of these trains is 70 per cent. This does not justify introduction of additional trains on the section.

E.M.U. Train between Sealdah-Dankuni

240. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of E.M.U. local trains running between Sealdah-Dankuni daily;

(b) what is the number of local trains running between 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.;

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce additional pair of EMU trains on this section;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 16 pairs.

(b) 5 and 5.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Line capacity constraints on the section and paucity of E.M.U. coaches.

Cancellation of 49 Up/50 Dn Train

241. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 49 Up/50 Dn had been cancelled by the Railways;